

The Alexandria Gazette

MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 6.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE ENDED.

The Washington Chronicle says: "The Peace Conference was unsuccessful. The Confederate envoys exacted demands which could not be considered. The President and Mr. Secretary Seward returned to this city on Saturday morning at 9.25, having left Annapolis at 7.30 A. M. They came up from Fortress Monroe in the River Queen, after a four hours conference with Messrs. Stephens, Hunter and Campbell, the result of which, it is rumored, was a demand for recognition on the part of the South, and the refusal on the part of the President of any terms but submission to the Constitution and the laws."

The National Intelligencer says:—"It is now clear enough that the war must go on with renewed energy. All financial and commercial movements will be, henceforth, adapted to a condition of war."

U. S. CONGRESS.—In the Senate, on Saturday, Mr. Wilson introduced a bill to prevent the sale of Confederate scrip, bonds, &c., Also a bill for the protection of passengers, which provides that color shall not be a valid ground of exclusion of persons from railroad cars, steamboats, and other public conveyances. Mr. Sumner introduced joint resolutions in effect providing that the consent of three fourths of the States now represented in Congress shall suffice to carry into effect the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery. The resolution declaring certain Southern States not entitled to votes in the electoral college, was adopted.

In the House, Mr. Ingersoll introduced a resolution "against ever granting the leaders of the rebellion civil rights," which was objected to. The naval appropriation bill was considered. The amendment creating a Board of Admiralty was rejected. The House concurred in Senate amendments to the resolution declaring certain Southern States not entitled to seats in the electoral college.

LEGISLATIVE.—In the Senate, on Friday, a bill providing for the recording of deeds in certain cases was passed. In the House, Mr. Harmon, offered a resolution for the relief of S. F. Chapman, administrator of Louisiana Hunter, for taxes erroneously paid in 1857, '58, which, after discussion, was withdrawn.

The Richmond Whig says: "Saturday evening last the 8th Illinois cavalry encamped two miles north of Dumfries, on the telegraph road. They were accompanied by wagons, and are supposed to be on their way to Fredericksburg. The weather was very cold, and the roads in such wretched condition that they returned toward Alexandria Sunday morning. Monday last a body of Federal cavalry were near Park Gate, three miles west of Brentsville."

The Washington Star says that \$30,000 have been expended during the last month in furnishing transportation to the North for Confederate deserters coming into the lines.

Gold, in New York, to day, 212½.

NEWS BY TO-DAY'S MAIL.

Owing to the reception of a large number of prisoners, it is found necessary to clear out the Old Capitol prison each month. On Saturday, forty-seven officers were sent to Fort Delaware, under a strong guard. At the same time eighty-seven privates were dispatched to Fort Warren, Boston Harbor. There are still in the Old Capitol a large number of prisoners, including many belonging to Mosby's and White's commands.

A letter from the Army of the James, dated February 3, says:—"It is reported that the Confederate fleet started down the river early this morning, but after proceeding a short distance, turned back and anchored in their old position."

A great deal of firing was heard all the afternoon of the 3d inst. in the direction of Petersburg, one report being that some new mortars were practising upon that place, while another represents an engagement of a lively character between the two lines near the Appomattox.

On Saturday night, a fire broke out in the large bone factory belonging to Messrs. Morgan & Rhinehart, at the G-street wharf, in Washington, (now used by the U. S. Government), in the west end of the city. Nothing was saved of what it contained, the walls, which are stone, only remaining.

It is said, in some quarters, that at the late interview between President Lincoln and Messrs. Stephens, Hunter and Campbell, an arrangement was entered into for a general exchange of prisoners, and that it is to take place forthwith; but another telegram from Washington leaves the matter still open to doubt.

A special dispatch from Washington to the New York Daily News, asserts that it is "well understood" at the Capital that the Confederate authorities have received an assurance from France of an early recognition. The statement is said to have been "derived from a most authentic source," but is not credited.

The Savannah Herald says Col. Julian Allen arrived at Savannah on the 30th instant, and met with a cordial reception, and the material aid donated by the various Northern cities was received with thankfulness. Also, the provisions, the distribution of which was received with continued demonstrations of satisfaction and joy.

In the U. S. Senate, on Saturday, Mr. Grimes, introduced a resolution, which was referred, providing for a contract with Wm. H. Powell, of Ohio, to paint a naval picture to be placed at the head of one of the grand staircases of the Capitol, provided the entire expense shall not exceed \$25,000.

The Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Judge Wylie dissenting, has granted a new trial in the case of Col. L. C. Baker, the detective, found guilty at the last term of the court of the false imprisonment of Dr. Gwynne.

An accident occurred on Saturday on the Marietta and Cincinnati R. R., by which ten or twelve persons were killed, and many severely wounded. The pier of a bridge over which the train was passing, gave way, and precipitated the cars into a creek.

Advices from Peru indicate that the Government is likely to come on terms with Spain, and pay tolerably heavy damages.

Gen. Sickles has arrived at Panama, and was expected to proceed to Bogota, Lima, and elsewhere on the coast. It is said the general may investigate the management and profits of various legations and consulates in that section.

It is stated that the Northwest Department, South Missouri and Kansas, and the Third Military Division are to be commanded by General Pope. General Curtis is to be transferred, with headquarters at St. Paul, Minn.

During the past four months Commander F. A. Parker, of the Potomac flotilla, has had all his vessels put in repair, in order, as soon as navigation fully opens, to keep up a surveillance, not only on the Potomac from here to Fortress Monroe, but also at all accessible points on the Virginia shore.

The winter in Europe has been very severe. The Seine and the Loire have been frozen over, and the railways clogged with three feet of snow. It required a garrison of soldiers to relieve the passengers.

On Thursday last Hon. Wadman T. Willey, U. S. Senator from West Virginia, was re-elected for six years from the 4th of March next.

The U. S. Government realizes about \$70,000 per month from the hides, tallow, hoofs, &c., of the cattle slaughtered for the Army of the Potomac.

The hall at Rev. Mr. Blitting's residence, was entered on Saturday night, and robbed of hat, shawl, &c. The hall of Mr. Speiden was also robbed the same night.

A proposition will be introduced into the U. S. House of Representatives to purchase the full length portrait of Gen. Grant, by Ambrobus.

Maj. Gen. John Pope is in St. Louis.

DIED.

On Sunday afternoon, the 5th instant, CHARLES, infant son of Charles R. and Rebecca Hooff, aged 9 months. The friends and acquaintances of the family are invited to attend the funeral, to-morrow, (Tuesday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

In Alexandria, Va., on the 3d inst., Mr. WILLIAM WARD, in the 46th year of his age.

In Alexandria, Va., on the 2d inst., Mrs. JANE CELESTIAL WADE, in the 43d year of her age.

EDGAR SNOWDEN SR'S OFFICE, corner of King and Royal streets, over Mr. Owings's Store, where he will receive subscriptions and advertisements for the ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE. Persons having business with the office, can transact it with him. feb 6—tf

ADVERTISEMENTS for the ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE can be left at the Printing Office, at Stone's Book store, (over which is the office,) or at the office of Edgar Snowden, Sr., corner of King and Royal streets, up stairs feb 6—tf

WANTED.—A respectable GERMAN girl wants a situation in a small private family. She is a good washer and ironer. The best of references given. Call at Mr. Fisher's, No. 189 Cameron Street. feb 6—1t*

FOUND ADRIFT.

On the 15th of January, between Craney Island and Glymont, a LARGE SCOW, 30 feet long, 12 feet beam. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take it away. Apply to or address WM. E. HARRIS. feb 3—10t* Craney Island.

CEDAR POSTS.

200 SAWED CEDAR POSTS, averaging 9 feet in length, for sale by D. R. WILSON. Jan 26 2w* No. 4, Prince street